

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: October 8, 1952

SUBJECT:

Preoccupation of the Argentine Government over
US Wool Import Regulations

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Dr. Paz, the Argentine Ambassador, called on me this afternoon to leave a note expressing the concern of his Government over the possibility that the United States might apply additional or compensatory duties on the importation of wool into the United States. He said that he had come to leave the note and verbally to call attention to the importance which his Government attached to the problem. The Ambassador did not enter into any detailed discussion of the matter.

I stated that it was my understanding that the Argentine Government was concerned over the possible outcome of the Tariff Commission investigation under Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act and that I knew Argentine representatives had held discussions with officials of this Government over their concern lest the Treasury Department should impose countervailing duties on imports of wool tops from Argentina. After pointing out that the current Tariff Commission investigation was undertaken at the request of the Department of Agriculture because of that Department's concern regarding the effect of imports of wool and wool tops on the domestic price support program, I stated that it was my belief that no decision was imminent since a careful study would have to be made within the Government. I said that while I could not predict what the US decision would ultimately be, I could assure the Ambassador that the Department of State was fully

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aware of the possible harmful consequences for Argentina and other wool producing countries of any action by this Government materially limiting imports of wool. I also assured the Ambassador that the Department took this problem very seriously because of its importance in our foreign relations and that he could be certain that in so far as the State Department could bring its influence to bear on the ultimate decision, the Argentine Government's views would be taken fully into account.

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